COORG PROVINCE,

NOVEMBER, 1875.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

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OFFG. CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

PART I—A, IN EXTENSO.

JUDICIAL.—*Nil.*
REV. AG. & COM.
Do. FORESTS.—*Nil.*
FINANCIAL.—*Nil.*
GENERAL.—*Nil.*
EDUCATIONAL.—*Nil.*

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PART I.

DEPT. OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

A.

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Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, 1st November 1875.

From the Superintendent of Coorg, To the Offg. Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, General Department, Bangalore, No. 159—15, dated 30th August 1875.

I have the honor to submit an application from the proprietors of the Kutiyal and Kikodu estates in Anjigerinad of the Kiggatnad Taluk, requesting permission to resign the Kikodu estate, for the orders of the Chief Commissioner.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel R. Renton and Lieutenant-Colonel B. W. Magrath in their letters dated 22nd January 1875 and 16th February 1875, applied for remission of assessment on the Kutiyal and Kikodu estates for three years, representing that they had suffered great loss owing, partly to the poverty of soil, partly to unfavorable seasons and partly to temporary neglect, the manager having been obliged to leave the estate and proceed to England for the benefit of his health.

3. The estates were inspected by me a few months ago, and I found that a large portion of the land had been almost abandoned, and Colonel Magrath has also intimated, in his letters dated 28th May 1875 and dated 20th June 1875, that he and his partners wish to resign the Kikodu estate.

Copies of the communications quoted above are submitted.

4. With reference to the application for remission of assessment, Colonels Magrath and Renton have been informed in letter dated 25th August 1875, No. 413, that I am precluded from complying with their request as the Chief Commissioner had declined to accede to the remission of assessment in a similar case * which had lately been before him on the grounds that the estate had enjoyed the benefit of the relief given by postponing the imposition of the maximum rate of assessment (Rs. 2 per acre) from the 9th to the 12th year.

*Chief Commissioner's Order, dated 25th June 1875, No. 201—Rev. 9, on application from the manager of the Coorg Coffee Company estate for remission of assessment.

5. One title-deed, Commissioner's No. 159, has been granted for the Kutiyal and Kikodu estates, but they have been separately surveyed, and on Colonel Magrath producing a formal power of attorney from his partner in England, I would recommend that the resignation of the Kikodu estate be accepted, and that the assessment due thereon, Rs. 212—14—8, be remitted.

From the Proprietors of the Kutiyal and Kikodu Estates, To the Superintendent of Coorg, dated Bangalore, 22nd January 1875.

Understanding that in more than one instance Government, at your recommendation, has remitted rent on coffee estates which from various causes have not proved remunerative to their owners, we have the honor to call your attention to the condition of our estates in South Coorg, Kutiyal and Kikodu, which have, to the present, brought us no return for the very large expenditure (about Rs. 70,000, including Superintendent's salary, has been sunk in the venture). The crop of 1872 was under 2 tons, that of 1873 under 3 tons and the present crop is calculated at less than 4 tons. We have been the pioneers in that part of the country and have received no support or encouragement from Government, as the district is in just the same condition as regards communications as it was when we commenced coffee about ten years ago. A large river cuts off that part of the country from the rest of Coorg, and Government has not even a ferry for the convenience of the inhabitants, all of whom during the monsoon use the boat, which we keep up at our expense. The difficulty of the communications added to other causes has made our undertaking a very uphill and losing business, and we, therefore, trust that our case will be considered by you as one that should be recommended to Government for a remission of the last three years' rent and also for the future until the returns cover the annual outlay.

From Lieut.-Colonel Renton, To the Superintendent of Coorg, dated Mysore, 16th February 1875.

In reply to your letter No. 660 of the 10th instant, I have the honor to inform you that, to the best of my belief, the whole of the Kutiyal and Kikodu estate, with the exception of a few acres, has been cultivated, and the failure of crop is attributable partly to poverty of soil in some portions, partly to unfavorable seasons and partly to temporary neglect from the manager having been unfortunately obliged to leave the management for some months to native agency and proceed to England for the benefit of his health.

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From Lieut.-Colonel B. W. H. Magrath, Part Proprietor of Kutiyal and Kikodu Estates, To the Superintendent of Coorg, dated Húnsúr, 28th May 1875.

Some months ago Colonel Renton and myself, as the Proprietors of the Kutiyal and Kikodu estates in Kiggatnad Taluk, addressed a letter to you requesting that the land tax might be remitted in consideration of the great losses we have suffered hitherto in working the estate.

On visiting Kutiyal last week Mr. Marsden shewed me a letter he had received calling on him to pay Rs. 460—15—8 before the 1st of June next. I trust, however, you will be good enough to reconsider our case and recommend the remission asked for.

Our crops do not nearly pay our expenses though we have been so many years at work, and Government has given no aid in the shape of roads or ferries.

So far has Kikodu gone back that we are anxious to hand it back to Government.

Begging the favor of an early reply.

From Lieut.-Colonel B. W. H. Magrath, Part Proprietor of Kutiyal and Kikodu Estates, To the Superintendent of Coorg, dated Húnsúr, 20th June 1875.

In reply to your memorandum of the 14th instant, I have the honor to inform you that my other partners are also willing to give back Kikodu to Government.

You state that a reply will be sent as soon as possible to our application for a remission of rent: until you are able to come to a decision on the question, I trust we may not be called upon to pay the rent due on the 1st of this month.

From Lieut.-Colonel R. Renton, Joint Proprietor of Kutiyal, To the Superintendent of Coorg, dated Mysore, 9th September 1875.

In forwarding the accompanying letter to your address from Colonel Magrath, I beg to state that I entirely concur with him in the views expressed therein.

From Lieut.-Colonel B. W. H. Magrath, To the Superintendent of Coorg, dated Madras, 2nd September 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th August, No. 413, and in reply thereto beg to inform you that Colonel Renton agrees with me in desiring to give up Kikodu and that he holds a power of attorney from Mr. H. A. Ross, the other partner, authorizing him to act for him under any contingency that may arise regarding our coffee estate. I will send this letter through Colonel Renton that you may receive assurance from him also as to our wishes regarding giving up Kikodu to Government. I much regret to observe that you do not consider that our claim for remission of rent is deserving of your support. We were the pioneers of coffee in that part of Coorg and have struggled on for years without the slightest aid or encouragement from Government. Not an anna has been spent in opening up the country with the exception of the trace of the road to Ponnapet and we have been obliged even to keep our own ferry boat, which has been largely used by the natives of the country, for here too Government declined to assist, ignoring every responsibility except that of collecting its rents year by year. I believe in more cases than one planters who have been unfortunate in their estates have been granted remission of their rents though they have had the advantage of good Government roads close at hand and markets within easy reach. In our case we have worked under difficulties which a paternal Government could have much lessened, but we were left to struggle without any aid and now after many years trial when we find our hopes disappointed and our estate not nearly paying its own expenses I do not think we claim too much when we claim from Government the same indulgence it has formerly shewn in several cases. Even if you do not feel justified in supporting our request I trust you will be good enough to forward the matter for the consideration of the Chief Commissioner.

Coorg Superintendent's Office, dated 17th September 1875.

Copies of the foregoing are submitted to the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner in continuation of this Office letter dated 30th August 1875, No. 159—15

Colonel Renton has been requested to forward the power of attorney he holds from Mr. Ross.

Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, 5th November 1875.

No. 443—Rev. 22, dated Bangalore, 1st November 1875.

Order.—The Superintendent of Coorg will intimate to Lieutenant-Colonels Renton and Magrath, that the relief sought by them in the case of the Kutiyal estate cannot be allowed, but with regard to the Kikodu estate, the Offg. Chief Commissioner sanctions its resignation by the proprietors being accepted, and authorizes the remission of the assessment due thereon, *viz.*, Rs. 212—14—8.

T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.

From the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, To the Officiating Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Land Rev. and Settlement, No. 819, dated Simla, 26th October 1875.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the correspondence ending with your Secretary's letter No. 395—14, dated the 28th September 1875, representing the necessity for increasing the salaries of the Munshis of the Taluk Establishments in Coorg and the appointment of Record-keepers, at a total additional cost of Rs. 114 per mensem.

2. In reply, I am directed to say that in the opinion of His Honor the President in Council, the requirements of the Province will be sufficiently met by the grant to the Munshis in Taluks, Yedenalknad and Kiggatnad, of salaries of Rs. 12 per mensem each, and the appointment of a Record-keeper in each of these taluks on the same salary.

3. The proposal to increase the pay of the Munshis of the four smaller taluks from Rs. 8 to Rs. 15 is also sanctioned, on the understanding that these men will, in addition to their duties, be required to act as Record-keepers in their respective taluks

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Genl. No. 451—23, dated Bangalore, 5th November 1875.

Order.—The sanction of the Government of India, as above conveyed, will be communicated to the Superintendent of Coorg, for information and guidance.

2. The increase sanctioned to the pay of the Munshis may have effect from the 1st instant.

T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.

PART II.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

JUDICIAL.

B.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF MATTERS OF ROUTINE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1875.

COORG.

No.	Subject and Order.	Date of Order.	Date of previous Orders.
1	Letter No. 417 from Mr. E. Ludlow, containing an explanation of his liability in the Mathigode affair, was returned to the Officiating Conservator, with a request that it should be submitted through the Conservator, Captain van Someren.	10th Nov. 1875.	*Vide* Progs. for August, Judicial, No. 6, dated 17th idem.
2	On the recommendation of the Officiating Judicial Commissioner, *Biddandra Madanna, Parpattegar of Hudikerikaulmurnad* in the Province of Coorg, was appointed a Magistrate of the third class, and vested, under Section 23 (*a*) of Act X of 1872, with additional powers to hold inquests, and to entertain complaints of offences in cases in which he has jurisdiction to try.	26th do	
3	The Superintendent of Coorg having submitted a petition from one Biddanda Somaiya, praying that after his death, his remains may be interred within the precincts of the late Raja's Cemetery, sanction was accorded to the request, with a remark that the concession should be considered as limited to Somaiya only.	30th do	

COORG CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
Bangalore, *December* 1875.

T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.

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No.	Subject and Order.	Date of Order.	Date of previous Orders.
1	In reply, it was intimated to the Superintendent of Coorg that the proposed addition of a clause in the Coorg coffee pattas requiring the holders to give intimation of transfers of estates to the Revenue Authorities seemed unnecessary. He was requested to state more fully the grounds on which the recommendation is made.	13th Nov. 1875.	
2	Copy of letter No. 2841—221, dated 30th September last, from the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Madras, reporting on the progress made in the topographical survey of Coorg, was forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, in reply to his letter No. 278, dated 28th April 1875, with the Officiating Chief Commissioner's observations thereon.	16th do	
3	The Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Madras, was requested to submit his views regarding the proposals made by the Acting First Assistant Superintendent, Coorg Revenue Survey, in respect to defining the extent and nature of the topographical work to be done. Copy of letter No. 461—18, dated 16th November 1875, to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, was also forwarded to him.	20th do	

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Bangalore, December 1875.

T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.

PART II.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

FINANCIAL.

B.

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No.	Subject and Order.	Date of Order.	Date of previous Orders.
1	The sanction of the Government of India was solicited to the payment of arrears of the increased rate of salary of Rs. 70 per mensem, made to K. Madaiya, late Forest Ranger in Coorg, with effect from 1st April 1874.	1st Nov. 1875.	
2	On his representation, sanction was conveyed to the Director of Public Instruction in Coorg, to a grant of Rs. 17—9—8, cost of food to be provided for the Coorg Vernacular Masters assembled for conference at Mercara.	4th do	
3	As solicited by the Superintendent of Coorg, a bill for Rs. 109—15, for the repair of his Office tents, was returned to him, duly sanctiond.	11th do	
4	Copies of letters No. 4648, dated 4th November 1875, from the Comptroller General, Calcutta, and the President, Coorg Planters' Association, regarding the inconvenience and loss sustained by the issue of unsound rupees from the Coorg Treasuries, were forwarded to the Superintendent of Coorg, for investigation and report.	16th do	
5	The deputation allowance bill for Rs. 114—10—6, due to Major A. G. D. Logan, for officiating as Superintendent of Coorg, in November and December 1874, was returned to the Superintendent of Coorg, duly countersigned.	20th do	
6	The travelling allowance bill of the Coorg Revenue Survey, for the month of June 1875, was forwarded to the Deputy Accountant General, for check.	Do do	
7	The Budget Estimates of the Province of Coorg, for the official year 1876—77, were forwarded to the Comptroller General, Calcutta, for submission to the Government of India.	Do do	
8	The Comptroller General having objected to certain additional charges provided in the Coorg Educational Budget for 1876—77, the sanction of the Government of India was solicited. A proposition statement in the usual form was also submitted.	23rd do	*Vide* this month Progs. Edl. No. 1, dated 12th Nov. 1875.
9	A bill for Rs. 162—4—7, deputation allowance to Mr. C. Subbaiya, for officiating as 1st Assistant Superintendent of Coorg, for June and July last, was forwarded to the Deputy Accountant General in Mysore, for check.	Do do	
10	In reply, a bill for the refund of Rs. 210—11—3 to Bittiyandra Kaliappa, being the amount paid in excess on estimated area of the Natankadu estate, was returned to the Superintendent of Coorg, duly countersigned.	Do do	
11	The travelling allowance bill of the Coorg Revenue Survey, for the month of June 1875, was returned to the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Madras, countersigned.	24th do	

No.	Subject and Order.	Date of Order.	Date of previous Orders.
12	The formal sanction of the Government of India was solicited to a charge of Rs. 46—8, incurred since 1860, for the public cattle establishment attached to the Office of the Superintendent of Coorg.	25th Nov. 1875.	
13	In reply, it was intimated to the Superintendent of Coorg that the fixed contingent for the Abkari Department of his Office can be met from his own permanent advance, agreeably to the intimation contained in para 4 of the Comptroller General's Circular No. 216, dated 18th August 1874. The permanent advances solicited for the taluk and police contingencies, amounting to Rs. 133 and 78, respectively, were sanctioned.	30th do	
14	The deputation allowance bill for Rs. 162—4—7, due to Mr. C. Subbaiya, for officiating as 1st Assistant Superintendent of Coorg, for June and July last, was forwarded to the Superintendent of Coorg, duly countersigned.	Do do	

COORG CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
Bangalore, December 1875.

T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.

PART II.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

B.

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No.	Subject and Order.	Date of Order.	Date of previous Orders.
1	Thirty copies of the Report on the Registration Department of Coorg for 1874—75 were despatched to the Assistant Under-Secretary of State for India, London, and 22 copies to the Home Secretary.	1st Nov. 1875.	
2	The monthly return of effective and non-effective Officers employed in the Coorg Province, with proportionate return and blank statement of vacancies for the month of November 1875, was submitted to the Government of India, Home Department.	5th do	
3	Sixty copies of the Coorg Progress Report of Forest Administration for 1874—75 were forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, with an intimation that the remaining 340 copies will be hereafter forwarded.	9th do	
4	Certain discrepancies in the Annual Administration Report for Coorg for 1874—75 were pointed out to the Superintendent, with a request that they may be rectified and correct statements submitted at an early date.	30th do	

COORG CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
Bangalore, December 1875.

T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.

PART II.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

EDUCATIONAL.

B.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF MATTERS OF ROUTINE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1875.

COORG.

No.	Subject and Order.	Date of Order.	Date of previous Orders.
1	Copy of letter No. 4451, dated 26th October 1875, from the Comptroller General, Calcutta, inviting attention to certain remarks on the Coorg Educational Budget for 1876—77, was forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction, for early report.	12th Nov. 1875.	

COORG CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
Bangalore, December 1875.

T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.